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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: SNAR. GY

SUBJECT: GUYANA POLICE SEIZE MARIJUANA

SUMMARY: TWO YOUNG GUYANESE MALES WHO ATTEMPTED TO SMUGGLE APPROXIMATELY 30 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA INTO GUYANA ON SATURDAY, JULY 23, AND WERE APPREHENDED, HAD A GUYANESE COURT IMPOSE A G\$28,800 (US\$11,338) FINE ON THEM ON MONDAY, JULY 25. END SUMMARY.

1. LENNOX LEWIS AND MICHAEL SMALL TRIED TO BRING
IN MARIJUANA FROM TRINIDAD VIA A PAN AM FLIGHT. LEWIS
WAS ARRESTED BY GUYANESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT TIMEHRI
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHEN ABOUT 15 POUNDS OF CANNABIS
SATIVA WERE DISCOVERED IN HIS POUFFE. AFTER
RECEIVING INFORMATION THAT SMALL WAS CARRYING A SIMILAR
POUFFE, GUYANESE CUSTOMS POLICE BEGAN A CAR CHASE THAT
ENDED IN SMALL'S CAPTURE ON THE ROAD BETWEEN
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TIMEHRI AND GEORGETOWN.

2. NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE TWO MEN OBTAINED THE MARIJUANA IN TRINIDAD BUT THAT THE SOURCE COUNTRY HAD NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE SUNDAY CHRONICLE ON JULY 24 DISCLOSED THAT THERE WAS AN ALERT AMONG SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED AGENCIES TO

HALT THE IMPORTATION OF DRUGS INTO THE CARIBBEAN REGION.

3. POLICE REPORTEDLY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASED MARIJUANA TRAFFIC AND USAGE IN GUYANA AND THAT IN THE PAST THE PLANT HAD BEEN CULTIVATED IN THE EAST COAST DEMERARA AND WEST COAST BERBICE AREAS AND ALONG THE SOESDYKE LINDEN HIGHWAY. AN EDITORIAL IN THE CHRONICLE ON AUGUST 1 TOOK NOTE OF THE INCREASING MARIJUANA PROBLEM IN GUYANA AND URGED STIFF PENALTIES FOR TRAFFIC IN DRUGS. BLACKEN

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